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SUBJ: HIGH LEVEL MOF PERSONNEL CHANGES

1. NORMAL MID-YEAR GOVERNMENT PERSONNEL SHIFTS ARE EXPECTED TO BE OFFICIALLY ANNOUNCED LATER THIS MONTH FOLLOWING MINFIN FUKUDA'S RETURN FROM WASHINGTON. HOWEVER, PRESS REPORTS CARRIED IN SEVERAL NEWSPAPERS TODAY STATE THAT DECISION HAS BEEN MADE BY MINFIN FUKUDA TO APPOINT FUMIO TAKAGI, PRESENTLY DIRGEN OF MOF TAX BUREAU, TO POSITION OF ADMINISTRATIVE VICE MINISTER, MOF. HE WILL SUCCEED HIDEYUKI AIZAWA WHO WILL RETIRE. TAKAGI, 55 YEARS OLD, GRADUATED FROM TOKYO UNIVERSITY LAW SCHOOL IN 1943. DURING HIS CAREER HE HAS SERVED IN THE BUDGET BUREAU AND MINISTER'S SECRETARIAT, AS WELL AS SPECIALIZING FOR MANY YEARS IN THE TAX BUREAU. HE WAS APPOINTED DIRECTOR GENRAL OF THE TAX BUREAU IN 1971.

2. MINFIN FUKUDA HAS ALSO REPORTEDLY DECIDED TO APPOINT OSAMU HASHIGUCHI, PRESENTLY DIRGEN OF BUDGET BUREAU, TO POSITION OF VICE MINISTER OF NEW GOVT. LAND UTILIZATION AGENCY. HASHIGUCHI HAD BEEN OTHER PRIME CONTENDER FOR POSITION OF ADMINISTATIVE VICE MINISTER.

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3. IN ADDITION, KOICHI INAMURA, VICE MIN OF FINANCE FOR INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS, IS EXPECTED TO RESIGN HIS POST TO BECOME ADVISOR TO THE MOF. PRESS REPORTS INDICATE TAROICHI YOSHIDA, NOW DIRGEN OF BANKING BUREAU, WILL ASSUME POSITION OF VICE MINISTER FOR INTERNATIONAL FINANCE. YOSHIDA, 55 YEARS OLD, SERVED FROM 1956 TO 1960 ON STAFF OF IMF IN WASHINGTON. FOLLOWING THIS, HE SPENT SEVERAL YEARS AT DIRECTOR LEVEL IN BANKING BUREAU AND IN MOF MINISTER'S SECRETARIAT. OTHER THAN HIS EARLY EXPERIENCE WITH IMF, YOSHIDA HAS HAD LITTLE INVOLVEMENT IN INTERNATIONAL AREA.

4. FINATT BELIEVES THAT MICHIIYA MATSUKAWA, PRESENTLY DIRGEN, INTERNATIONAL FINANCE BUREAU, LIKELY TO REMAIN IN HIS POSITION AT LEAST ONE MORE YEAR SINCE HIS PRESENT APPOINTMENT MADE ONLY ONE YEAR AGO.

5. EMBASSY WILL REPORT FURTHER DETAILS OF PERSONNEL CHANGES WHEN THESE ARE OFFICIALLY ANNOUNCED IN MID TO LATE JUNE.
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